

COVID-19 State Workforce Vaccination FAQs

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Is the COVID-19 vaccination mandatory for state employees?

- No, the COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.
- Because the vaccine not only helps protect vaccinated individuals but the people around them (e.g., family, friends, coworkers, etc.), everyone eligible is encouraged to get it.
- For all the facts about the vaccine, including details on popular rumors, go to www.MOStopsCovid.com/facts. At the bottom of the webpage, you'll also find a link to ask any questions you have about the vaccines. You are also encouraged to contact a healthcare provider or your local public health agency to discuss any concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine.
- For more information on the vaccines, please see [this presentation by Dr. Kimberly Thomas](#) and [Dr. Bill Powderly](#) of Washington University in St. Louis. Also [get the facts](#) at the state's vaccine website.

Who can get vaccinated right now?

People in Phase 1A, Phase 1B – Tier 1, Phase 1B – Tier 2, Phase 1B – Tier 3, & Phase 2 are eligible. This means that **all state team members are now eligible** to receive the vaccine. All adult in the State of Missouri will be eligible to receive the vaccine as of April 9, 2021.

How can state employees get their vaccinations?

As your employer, there are two State of Missouri vaccination delivery channels we hope you will take advantage of as soon as possible:

1. Regional DMAT events are held throughout the state on a regular basis.
 - Appointments for all locations can be made here: <https://spexternal.modot.mo.gov/sitepages/vaccination.aspx>
 - Check back often for additional events
2. The *Strive for Wellness* clinic in the Truman building in Jefferson City has appointments on a daily basis.
 - Appointments can be made here when you log into your account: <https://my.mhcp.org/login.aspx>
 - Eligible team members must be an enrolled subscriber in a MCHCP medical plan through Anthem.

If you are over the age of 65 or have a serious health condition, contact a healthcare provider or your local public health agency to begin the vaccination process. **Do not wait for a state-sponsored event.** You can also access the vaccination [map](#) and/or [Missouri Vaccine Navigator](#) for additional help. As vaccine supplies increase, this map will be updated with the most current listing of vaccination sites. If you are a veteran, consider scheduling your vaccination through the Veterans Administration healthcare system.

Will someone contact me when I am eligible for the vaccine? If not, how will I know when I am eligible?

As of March 29, 2021, all state team members are eligible for the vaccine.

When I am eligible, can I go to my health care provider and get vaccinated instead of attending an event?

Yes.

How will my health care provider know when I am eligible due to my position?

They will not know that you are eligible based on your position. They will likely ask you to simply confirm eligibility. The best way to receive a vaccine, due to your position putting you in an eligible tier, is to register to attend a state sponsored event described above.

Other Key Messages:

- Be patient and flexible - there will be plenty of vaccine. Supplies are limited right now, but that will improve as more vaccine is produced and other manufacturers' vaccines are authorized. It will take time to get every willing Missourian vaccinated.
- Continue the basic three steps to protecting yourself: Wear a mask, maintain physical distance and wash your hands thoroughly and often.
- The best source of the most current information is [MOStopsCovid.com](https://moplastopscovid.com).